

APPROVED: Meeting No. 17-90

ATTEST: *Sharon A. Ben*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 15-90

April 16, 1990

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on April 16, 1990, at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Proclamation declaring April 22, 1990, as "Rockville Science Day."

Proclamation No. 05-90

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, April 22, 1990, was declared "Rockville Science Day". At the request of the Mayor, Councilmember Hovsepian read the the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 5 of the Mayor and Council, which was presented to Sheila Marshall, President of the Rockville Consortium for Science, and Enid Gershin of the Foundation for Health Education, Inc. On April 22, the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, the Rockville Consortium for Science and the Foundation for Health Education, Inc. will sponsor Rockville Science Day and a Children's Health Fair with activities to be held at Montgomery College's Rockville campus. Ms. Marshall and Ms. Gershin provided details regarding the many activities planned for that day.

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Re: Proclamation declaring April
18, 1990, as "Pye Panda Day"
in Rockville.

Proclamation No. 06-90

Pye Panda, Bear-er of Peace, has been selected to serve as an official Earth Day 1990 Mascot. Sponsored by The International Museum of 20th Century Arts (TIMOTCA) and Champions of the Future Foundation, Inc., she will make a number of appearances during the week of April 16-22 to bring her message of international understanding and share her vision of world peace with children of all ages.

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, April 18, 1990, was declared "Pye Panda Day" in Rockville. At the request of the Mayor, Councilmember Robbins read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 5 of the Mayor and Council. Pye Panda and Robert A. Sniffen, Special Events Coordinator for the International Museum of 20th Century Arts, received the Proclamation.

Re: Public Hearing: Ordinance to
amend Chapter 11, "Human
Rights" of the Rockville City
Code so as to expand the scope
of the provisions to deal with
both sexual orientation and
families with children.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Chapter 11, "Human Rights" of the Rockville City Code. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons whose names can be found in the official stenographic record. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks, until 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 1990.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

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1. Mansfield Kaseman, 704 Carter Avenue, complimented the City on its effective police-community relations, noting the favorable comments received regarding City police assistance during the pilgrimage through the streets of Rockville on Good Friday. Rev. Kaseman also commended the Mayor and Council, City staff and the community concerning the anti-drug vigils held on Friday evenings in Lincoln Park.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Concerning the proposed testimony for Bill No. 35-90, Fire Tax Districts Boundary Revisions, Mayor Duncan indicated that the testimony should highlight the importance of keeping the City of Rockville in the same fire tax district. Staff agreed to add language to this effect and to prepare a letter of testimony for the Mayor's signature.

Councilmember Coyle expressed his appreciation to the staff for facilitating the move and reestablishment of O'Hara Enterprises and Pat's Costumes.

With respect to the summary of General Assembly action during the past session, Councilmember Marrinan commented that there was no mention of the funding for Rockville Arts Place in the amount of \$200,000, which is a noteworthy item. Mayor Duncan stated that the General Assembly had also approved funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the restoration of the Red Brick Courthouse.

Mayor Duncan noted that he has sent a letter of apology to the citizen who expressed concern regarding the instructions provided for the Refuse Super Service (Correspondence Item No. 6).

Mayor Duncan referenced the letter from Mrs. Kath of Pinneberg which indicated that she may not be visiting Rockville this fall, but perhaps will wait until next year.

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Re: New Business

Councilmember Marrinan briefed the Mayor and Councilmembers on the items discussed and approved at the COG Board of Directors meeting held last week. He also commented on the need to respond by April 20 to the recommendations regarding growth and transportation.

Councilmember Hovsepien commented that it has been brought to her attention that the City does not have any legislation to regulate when people can put out trash for special collections. Mayor Duncan requested information from staff as to an administrative way to handle this issue.

Councilmember Marrinan noted that he had been made aware of instances where individuals in private business bring home their trash to be discarded by the City, and the City Manager responded that staff will look at this issue as well.

Having attended the Americana Centre's annual meeting the previous week, Councilmember Coyle stated that residents are interested in recycling but that a commercial vendor picks up their trash and does not recycle. He requested that staff revisit this issue, and the City Manager agreed. Councilmember Coyle also indicated that the tenants of Americana Centre expressed concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety in Town Center and asked that the City move up in the Capital Improvements Program the elevator and stairs this side of the crossover of Route 355.

Mayor Duncan noted the Rockville Baseball Association Opening Ceremony on Saturday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m., and invited the public. He also noted the series of City events for Celebration of Outdoors Week, April 22 through April 28.

The Rockville Housing Authority is interested in having a couple of the City banners in front of their office, and Mayor Duncan asked staff to respond to the Housing Authority's request in FYI.

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Mayor Duncan noted the award presented to the City last week by the State of Maryland for its showcase drug prevention strategy in Lincoln Park. He congratulated everyone involved and stated that the City would be inviting Sterling Tucker to come visit Lincoln Park.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m., to convene again in Worksession on April 19, 1990 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.